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STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

A statement of reasons for allowance was set forth in the Notice of Allowance mailed <u>July 22, 2002</u>, for the above-identified application.

While the Applicants agree that the pending claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Examiner's statement, the Applicants submit that the invention set forth in the present application is patentable over the art of record for reasons other than those listed in the Examiner's statement. Accordingly, the Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of different scope than those in the present application.

This statement commenting on the reasons for allowance is timely submitted.

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